



Signs of Spring

Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 10.

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March Break fun

Activities, events and crafts abound for the Break.

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Focus on Youth

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Giving a toot!

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Trying out a recorder, at the Musical Extravaganza, at the Ontario Early Years Centre's Bradford Satellite on Saturday, March 2. The Centre, located at 118 Barrie St., offers free programs for pre-schoolers and their parents or caregivers. For more information on upcoming events at the Early Years Centre, see page 19.

Big hike in DCs

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has passed By-Law 2013-29 - adopting new, higher Development Charges (DCs) for new development, to cover the cost of growth-related water, wastewater and road infrastructure.

The By-law just squeaked by, in a narrow 5-4 recorded vote.

Concerns were raised by Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer, who questioned the sharp increase in the Development Charges for the Bradford Settlement Area, especially for non-residential development.

The DC for Non-residential (Commercial/Industrial/ Institutional) was set at \$9.74 per sq. ft. in the previous By-law; in the new By-law, it jumps to \$15.40 per sq. ft. in the Bradford Settlement Area - while the Bond Head/Hwy. 400 Strategic Employment Area is set at \$14.39 per sq. ft.

Keffer wanted the background study sent back to Staff for a second look - questioning how the rate could be so high for an area that is already serviced. "I've been trying to understand why the rates have jumped up, for the Water and Wastewater," he said, urging the Town to hold the non-residential DC at its current level. "I'm not prepared to support this recommendation at this time."

"I'll go a step further," said Councillor Gary Lamb. "I have a problem with the methodology used to develop the DCs" - suggesting that the levy should be "site specific", depending on whether an industry is "wet", using a substantial amount of water, or "dry."

Director of Finance Ian Goodfellow noted that the methodology is governed by provincial legislation, and the Development Charges Act. "I'm not certain we have a great deal of latitude," he said. "The calculations are fairly standardized... The math behind the studies is all basically the same. Basically, we are operating in a box."

"We're relying heavily on the Development Charges to pay for the infrastructure we have to put in," said Councillor Ron Simpson, referring to the 50th Line-Hwy 400 interchange, and the agreement with Infnisil to upfront the costs of expanding the Lakeshore water treatment plant. "What if there's no building? What happens to our DCs, and your cash flow?"

"The key is to make arrangements with the development industry" to sign an Early Payment Agreement, said Town Manager Jay Carrier - and if there isn't agreement on the full \$400 million in expenses facing the Town, BWG will have to "pick and choose"

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Hit & Run Driver

South Simcoe Police are asking for the public's assistance in tracking down a pick-up truck involved in a hit and run collision on Sunday, March 3, at about 1:51 p.m., a brown Mercury was westbound on the 10th Line of Innisfil, when a dark blue or black pick-up truck, possibly a Ford or Chevrolet, driven by a white male, approached from behind, and attempted to pass. As it passed, the truck struck the rear driver's side of the Mercury, causing the vehicle to lose control and enter the north ditch. The Mercury then rolled over several times. The pick-up truck fled the scene northbound on 10 Sideroad towards Barrie.

The driver of the Mercury and a passenger sustained minor injuries and were treated at the scene. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 905-775-3311 or 705-436-2141, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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By Roch Beaulieu C. F. P.

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Widening Melbourne Drive

The widening of Melbourne Drive, to relieve traffic congestion, was one of the items in a proposed Early Payment Agreement with developers - basically asking the developers to up-front the cost.

But the Development Community has balked at the \$400 million in water, wastewater and roads costs they have been asked to pre-pay - and without an agreement in place, Bradford West Gwillimbury has had to find alternate sources of funding for the project, scheduled to start this year.

A total of \$1,158,990 is budgeted in 2013, for engineering and design. Of that, over 87% or \$1,009,596 will come from the Development Charge Reserve for Roads, levied on new development. The remainder, representing the non-growth portion of the project (\$149,394) will come from the Capital Expenditure

Reserve.

Construction is slated for 2014, at a further cost of \$1,823 million - to come either from the same sources, or from the Early Payment Agreement, if it is in place.

Director of Finance Ian Goodfellow confirmed that the DC Reserve for Roads is currently in a negative balance - but explained that the cost of borrowing the money can be recovered through future Development Charges.

Councillors had a number of questions about the project - in particular about the possible need to expropriate land for the widening.

They were assured that land is needed from only two properties - nothing like the Dissette St. widening.

What Council was paid in 2012

A treasurer's report has released the total remuneration paid to Bradford West Gwillimbury Council in 2012 - including all honorariums, salaries and benefits, and expense claims.

Mayor Doug White collected \$59,973.73 - including \$35,501.31 Council salary and benefits, \$17,632 from the County of Simcoe, \$1,650 for his role on the Police Services Board, a \$3,000 mileage allowance, \$400 for special meetings, and \$550 in Conference per diems. He also claimed \$3,829.72 in expenses.

Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer collected \$49,232.89 -

\$25,718.95 in Council remuneration, \$19,225.90 from the County of Simcoe, \$1,114.68 from the NVCA, a mileage allowance of \$1,500, \$400 for attending special meetings, and \$250 in conference per diems. His expense claim: \$1,754.96.

Councillor Del Drake received \$21,413.37 and claimed \$2,462.66 in expenses - \$17,476.65 in Council Remuneration, \$1,500 from the LSRCRA, \$1,500 mileage allowance, \$200 for special meetings, \$400 for conference per diems.

Councillor James Leduc was paid \$22,227.14 - \$18,687.14 in Council Remuneration, \$1,500 mileage, \$300 for special meetings, and \$1,200 in conference per diems. He claimed expenses totalling \$3,907.

Councillor Peter Dykile Jr. received \$22,870.04 - \$20,230.04 in Council Remuneration, \$1,500 mileage, \$600 in conference per diems. He claimed expenses totalling \$2,138.48.

Councillor Ron Simpson received a total of \$23,092.73 - \$19,752.73 in Council Remuneration, \$1,500 mileage, \$500 for special meetings, \$800 in conference per diems. He claimed \$2,844.96 in expenses.

Councillor Carl Hordyk received \$22,543.35 - \$19,103.35 in Council Remuneration, \$1,500 mileage, \$400 for special meetings, \$1,000 for sitting on the Library Board. His expenses: \$791.71; he attended no conferences in 2012.

Councillor Raj Sandhu received \$20,688.14 - \$18,048.14 in Council Remuneration, \$1,500 mileage, \$200 for special meetings, \$400 in Conference per diems. He claimed expenses of \$2,666.99.

Councillor Gary Lamb collected \$21,067.45 - \$18,027.45 in Council Remuneration, \$1,500 mileage, \$300 for special meetings, \$700 for the Holland Marsh drainage board. He claimed \$678 in expenses; he attended no conferences. The total \$263,108 plus expenses.

Signs of Spring

Spring Ahead!

Get ready to Spring Ahead! Daylight Saving Time begins in the early morning hours of Sunday, March 10. Don't forget to set your clocks 1 hour ahead on Saturday night.

Spring Flowers



Spring flowers in bloom at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery on Yonge St. north of Bradford - which reopened for the season March 1.

Sugarbush Fest!

The Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festivals are on now until April 7, at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area (Stouffville SR east of Warden Ave.), and Kerridge Centre for Conservation, 9550 Pine Valley Drive south of Major Mackenzie. Demonstrations, wagon rides, live entertainment, pancake and maple syrup! Weekends from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Note: Bruce's Mill is closed Mondays and Tuesdays, except for March Break and Easter. See www.maplesyrupfest.com for details.

Canada Blooms!

The 17th Annual Canada Blooms garden show takes place March 15-24 at the Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place in Toronto. Tickets available at Sheridan Nurseries, or see www.canadablooms.com

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Local Toastmaster wins Area contest

York-Simcoe Speak for Success Toastmasters partnered with The Court of Blarney Newmarket Club to host the Area 14 Speech and Evaluation Contest, at the BWG Leisure Centre on February 26.

Champions from 4 clubs competed for the opportunity to represent Area 14 at the District level of the Toastmasters International competition.

Competing were Debbie Russaw of Simcoe Shores, Barbara McConville of TROY, Mark Etwell of the Court of Blarney, and local entrant, Annette Lavigne of Speak for Success. Lavigne won the Speech competition, with her speech, "The Old Oak Bench". Etwell placed 2nd.

The evening also featured a speech evaluation contest. Competitors were asked to evaluate target speaker, Brian Parrot, and his speech on "Connections." Contestants were Mary Coates of TROY, Rita Beechey of Simcoe Shores, Etwell and Lavigne. Annette Lavigne made it a perfect

sweep, winning the Evaluation Contest, with Rita Beechey placing 2nd. For a second year, Lavigne will go on to represent Area 14 at the Division M.



7 p.m., and run until 9 p.m. Guests are welcome, at no charge.

For more information, see speakforsuccess.easy-speak.org or call President Tim Norton, 416-871-5744.

Annette Lavigne, winner of the Speech & Evaluation Contest is congratulated by Contest Chair, Doug Armstrong. Submitted Photo.

International Speed and Evaluation Contest at the York Region Administration Building, 17250 Yonge St. in Newmarket, on Saturday, March 30.

Speak for Success York-Simcoe Toastmasters meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesday of the month, upstairs at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave.

Meetings start at 7 p.m., and run until 9 p.m. Guests are welcome, at no charge.

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AWARE Simcoe provides an Alternative Vision

AWARE Simcoe presents a public meeting: "An Alternative Vision to Growth and Higher Taxes."

Growth is often presented as inevitable, and an economic cure, when in fact it creates more problems than it solves, says AWARE Simcoe - including higher taxes, damaged to clean water resources, congestion, and the loss of farmland.

On Saturday, March 23, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, there will be a public meeting at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 - 10 Sideroad in Bradford. Speakers will be Carl Cosack, NDACT Chair, on the new province-wide Food and Water First campaign, and Faissal Moola, of the David Suzuki Foundation, on the development pressures threatening 94,000 of unexpected farmland and green space surrounding the GTA.

Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, or a copy of the AWARE Simcoe Vision Document, call 905-778-9328 or see www.aware-simcoe.ca Carpooling available.



Miriam King photo, Bradford Times

Glass artist and former Bradford resident Natali Baird was among the artisans and crafters at the Simcoe County Museum on Saturday, March 2, for the annual Celebration of Crafts by the Simcoe County Arts & Crafts Association. Crafters from across the County demonstrated everything from traditional rug-hooking to spinning and lace-tatting, at the all-day event.

letters to the editor

VCARS relies on volunteers

To the Editor: Volunteerism comes from the heart. It is a gift given without expectation of external rewards.

Barrie and Area VCARS recognizes and thanks all of its volunteers for their dedication and desire to make a difference. They truly are the heart of the community. Without a doubt, VCARS (Victim Crisis Assistance and Referral Services) volunteers make up a special group of caring individuals who give freely of their time and skills by responded to calls - whether in the middle of the day or the middle of the night, in good or bad weather.

Since 1996, Barrie and Area VCARS volunteers have provided immediate, short-term crisis intervention and practical assistance to persons struggling with a crisis or a traumatic situation. Working in partnership with police, volunteers are on site within half an hour of a request for assistance, putting their training into practice. Although training provides a "road map," the success of the VCARS program relies on the volunteers' ability to listen, empathize, think outside the box, and go the extra mile.

We salute our volunteers. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we thank you for your loyalty, and for all you do for the victims we assist in all of our communities.

Barrie & Area Victim Services

(Editor's Note: Bradford has its own Victim Crisis Assistance & Referral Services, that operate in conjunction with the South Simcoe Police Service. For information, call 905-775-3311, extension 2022.)

Recognize Women's Day

To the editor: The staff and residents

of People in Transition My Sister's Place Shelter for women would like to send out a warm greeting and thank-you to the community. My Sister's Place provides a safe haven that offers the best services possible for all women and children facing abuse.

For My Sister's Place, International Women's Day is a reminder of how women continue to raise awareness regarding women's rights and the abuses that many endure.

In 1977, the United Nations proclaimed March 8 as the internationally-recognized calendar date for Women's Day. The day anchors International Women's Week, March 3 to 9.

For 2013, the theme for International Women's Day in Canada is "Working together: Engaging Men to end Violence against Women." This theme speaks to the reality that this is an issue that affects everyone - mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons, daughters, friends and strangers alike. It is everyone's responsibility to work together to raise awareness and take action against violence towards women.

If you are a woman in need of our services, or if you know of someone who does, please call our 24/7 Crisis Line, at 1-800-661-5419.

During this International Women's Day, we hope you will look around and acknowledge how uniquely special and powerful each woman is. Above all, be the heroine of your life, not the victim. - Nora Ephron.

Sheila Cormier, Volunteer Co-ordinator
People in Transition-My Sister's Place

At the Danube Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd., south of Bradford. For information on programs and events, call 905-775-0612.

Coming up:

Seniors Health Seminar on Thursday, March 14, from 11 a.m. to noon - free! Bruce Cuthbert, co-founder and volunteer speaker for the Gift of Life Foundation York-Simcoe, will talk about **The Gift of Life** - including the stories of real-life organ donors and recipients, and how to give the gift of life. The Seminar will be followed by Lunch, \$6 for members, \$7 for non-members.

Games Afternoon at the Centre - Saturday, March 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. Come out to play Bridge, Bid Euchre, Euchre, Chess, Dominoes, Canasta, Poker, Skat and Pool! Try something new, and enjoy coffee, tea and sweets. Only \$3 per person.

Birthday Luncheon on a St. Patrick's theme - 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 21. Beef Stew, Rice, Vegetables, Irish Soda bread, coffee, tea, dessert - only \$8 for members, \$9 non-members, at the door.

Need help preparing your income tax? The **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program**, for basic returns, will be provided at the Centre starting March 6, then every other Wednesday until April 21. Please remember to seal your papers in an envelope with your name and phone number on the outside.

Mark your calendar, and watch for details - the **Annual Garage Sale** at the Danube Centre takes place Saturday, April 27.

At the Bradford Legion

Friday Night Meat Rolls take place every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. In Bradford, Come out, enjoy a light dinner for a nominal fee - and perhaps win the meat for Saturday Dinner. On March 22, come out to hear great music by **Grant Pullerton**.

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A turn for history, in Newton Robinson

by Helen Yielding

The turned-wood vases that George Burt fashions from old fence rails may provide a unique connection to the pioneering days. Burt, a talented local artisan, uses the old fence rails, stumps pulled from the muck of the Holland Marsh and other local woods to fashion vases, bowls and platters that are unique in color, shape and design.

He was the featured speaker at the February meeting of the Tecumseh & West Gwillimbury Historical Society, and his

videos demonstrated the techniques he uses to create items on the lathe.

Burt explained how wood becomes coloured, from the soil, disease or injury. By exploiting these marks and natural features, he produces bowls and platters that incorporate patterns and colours in a unique fashion. His works of art have found a place in museums, and homes around the world - and he generously gave each audience member a delightful vase to take home.

On Monday, March 18, the Society welcomes Ken Purvis, an Interpreter at Montgomery's Inn. His program will be based on "Military Music during the War of 1812," complete with a demonstration of several musical instruments. At the Tec-

We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson (County Rd. 27 and 10th Line BWG), at 7:30 p.m. Social hour to follow. For more information, call 905-775-7144 or 905-936-4086.

BWG Local History Association Meets

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Local History Association meets in the Bradford Public Library Board Room on Saturday, March 23, at 2 p.m. Come out to hear guest speaker Brian Baker, recent inductee into the Museum on the Boyne's History Wall of Fame.

World Day of Prayer



Miriam King photo, Bradford Times

The annual World Day of Prayer was held March 1 - an ecumenical service, this year written by the women of France, on the theme, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25).

In Bradford, World Day of Prayer was hosted by Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church with the assistance of local Anglican, Presbyterian and United Church women. Both men and women attended the special service, which included music by a Community Choir, and an inspiring sermon by Deacon Pedro Guevara Mann. After the service, donations were collected for the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, and a reception was held in the parish hall, on a French theme - with French art, books, music, pastries and treats.

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The County of Simcoe is pleased to sponsor free public skating during afternoon open house sessions scheduled over the March break.

Date	Location	Times
Monday March 11	Oro-Medonte Community Arena Banquet Hall 71 4th Line North, Guthrie	2-4 p.m. free skating + open house
Tuesday March 12	Penetanguishene Memorial Arena Brian Orser Hall 61 Marie St., Penetanguishene	2-4 p.m. free skating + open house 6-9 p.m. open house
Wednesday March 13	New Tecumseth Recreation Centre Hornet's Nest 7300 Industrial Pkwy., Alliston	2-4 p.m. free skating + open house 6-9 p.m. open house
Thursday March 14	Collingwood Public Library Meeting Room B & C 55 St. Marie St., Collingwood	6-9 p.m. open house
Tuesday March 19	Innisfil Recreation Centre South Lobby 7315 Yonge St., Innisfil	6-9 p.m. open house
Wednesday March 20	Wasaga Beach Rec Plex Hall 1A 1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach	6-9 p.m. open house
Thursday March 21	Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library Zima Room 425 Holland St. West, Bradford	6-9 p.m. open house
Saturday March 23	Coldwater & District Community Centre Banquet Hall (2nd floor) 11 Michael Anne Dr., Coldwater	2-4 p.m. open house
Monday March 25	Township of Ramara Municipal Office 2297 Highway 12, Brechin	6-9 p.m. open house
Tuesday March 26	County of Simcoe Administration Centre Atrium 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst	9 a.m.-12 p.m. open house 6-9 p.m. open house

Waste collection changes do not impact City of Barrie and City of Orillia residents





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TOWN COUNCIL

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For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Department.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole (after Council Meeting)- Council Chambers, 57 Holland St. E.

• Tues. Mar. 19/13 @ 7:00 p.m.

Special Meeting of Council

- Mon. Mar 11/13 @ 5:00 p.m., Compton Room, 100 Holland Crt., In-Camera
- Mon. Mar 11/13 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Transit, Compton Room, 100 Holland Crt

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is now accepting applications for the following position:

Director of Engineering Services 2013-DE03

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www.townofbwg.com

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BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Active Transportation Committee

Thurs. Mar. 21/13 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.
Library Board

Mon. Mar. 18/13 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.

Seniors Housing Committee

Wed. Mar. 20/13 @ 7:00 p.m., Jonkman Room, 61 Melbourne St.

NOTICES

TO ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

Bradford West Gwillimbury By-law 94-047, Section 6.2 (e) as amended, is in force and effect, which does not permit parking on any Street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from **November 1 to May 1.**

Also, the Stopping-and-Parking of vehicles on sidewalks is prohibited.

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Focus on Business

BBT's Business After Hours

The Bradford Board of Trade invites members to a Business After Hours Networking event, hosted by BNI and BNI Business Elite on Thursday, March 14, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at L'Antica Ristorante, 444 Holland St. West. Please RSVP at www.bradfordboardoftrade.com Members \$5, non-members \$10. Light snacks will be provided.

Lunch & Learn: Securing a Sustainable Retirement

Join MPP for York-Simcoe Julia Munro as she presents "Sustainable Retirement Security - A White Paper for Small Business Owners" Wednesday, March 20 from noon to 1 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre's Multi-purpose Room. Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP at www.bradfordboardoftrade.com Cost is \$10 for Bradford Board of Trade members, \$15 for non-members. Explore 6 bold new ideas to address the challenges of securing a sustainable retirement. The Leisure Centre is located at 471 West Park Ave.

Business Before Hours

Early morning networking, hosted by the Bradford Board of Trade and Sunset Grill, 487 Holland St. West. Tuesday, March 26 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Free - just pay for your own breakfast, and bring your business cards.

BBT Town & Country Living Show

The Bradford Board of Trade is hosting a Town & Country Living Show on Saturday, April 13, at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre. Booths are only \$150 for BBT members, \$250 for non-members. For more information on this premiere business opportunity, contact the Board at www.bradfordboardoftrade.com or 905-778-8727. But hurry - booths are going fast! Sponsorship opportunities.

Donation to Matthews House



Submitted photo

Kip Mitchell, owner of Great Clips in Bradford and Alliston, presented a cheque for \$1,300 to Matthews House Hospice - representing \$1 from every haircut during the busy two weeks before Christmas. Matthews House, located on Hwy. 89, provides day programs and support for individuals and families living with life-threatening illness, or coping with bereavement. In photo, from left, Frank Taylor, Marv Chantler and Terry Albion of Matthews House, Kip Mitchell, and Steve Aelick.

A quarter of a century of style, in Bradford

Mary & Vita's Hair Design, located at 118 Holland St. East in the Ingoglia Plaza, is celebrating a milestone on Friday, March 15. It's the 25th anniversary of the business, and clients and well-wishers are invited to drop by for cake and coffee, to help celebrate.

In fact, for owner Mary Ingoglia it marks 44 years as a stylist. "It feels like just yesterday," she says. "The time has flown!"

Things were very different back in 1968, when she first started studying hairdressing at Marvel Beauty Schools in Toronto. For one thing, Mary says, "I never thought my father would let me go to Toronto by myself" - but when friend Dina also signed up for the school, "It was allowed."

The pair commuted to the city by bus, then boarded for a while with Dina's aunt, until graduation.

After graduating, Mary worked at a salon on Davis Drive in Newmarket for 19 years, building up a strong rapport with her clientele. She was happy at her job, good at it - and, she says, "I really had no intention of moving."

Then her husband built a plaza in Bradford, and she was offered a managerial position at a proposed new Salon. It seemed as if "It was 'meant to be'."

Rather than a manager, Mary started as a partner, with an option to purchase the business - and the result was Mary & Vita's Hair Design.

Mary worked side by side with daughter Vita Nalli, and daughter-in-law Jamie Ingoglia. That was, she says, "the best time."

There have been changes - both triumphs, and tragedies. When Vita and her young daughter Stephanie were killed in a tragic collision in

New Tecumseth, Mary established a Cut-a-thon for the Cochlear Implant unit at the Hospital for Sick Children in their memory - taking place on May 5 this year.

The industry itself has changed, over the years. "When I first started, it was roller sets and hair dryers... and colors weren't as vibrant," Mary says. "Today, we're doing fantastic work in colors. The products are amazing." Back in the '60s and '70s, women would book appointments up to a month in advance, for their weekly touch-ups and perms. Now, with the improved products and busier lifestyles, clients are more likely to come in monthly - and even then, are more likely to walk in, or book an appointment at the last minute.

Mary & Vita's Hair Design has adapted to the changes, and Mary continues to enjoy her work. "I do love my job. I've loved my career - and that's what it has been, my career and my family," Mary says. "My work is like my social life. I love my clients. They become like friends to me, and my girls - they've become like family."

Mary & Vita's Hair Design, 118 Holland St. East in Bradford, 905-775-8775.

Photo & Story by Miriam King

Mary Ingoglia and daughter-in-law Jamie, at Mary & Vita's Hair Design.

Local entrepreneur will enter the Dragon's Den

Entrepreneur Tracy Moore has had her ups and downs.

She built an empire on maple syrup. *Everything Maple & More*, that won international acclaim with its exceptional maple-based sauces, dips and marinades - then saw business nose-dive in the economic collapse of 2008.

Since then, Moore has gradually been rebuilding her company and her brand. For a while, she ran a shop in Newton Robinson, just northwest of Bradford.

Recently, she moved to Innisfil,

where she has been a pillar of the Innisfil Farmers' Market, and has brought her quality products to other markets around southern Ontario.

Now Moore is ready to take it to the next level, and make a push to re-grow *Everything Maple & More*.

That's why she decided to audition for *Dragon's Den* Canada, a reality show on CBC television.

The show invites entrepreneurs to appear before a panel of judges - "Dragons" of finance and investment, Jim Trevelyan, Kevin O'Leary, Arlene Dickinson, Bruce

Croxon and David Chilton. Only those candidates who impress will receive an offer of funding, for a share in their business.

Moore made it past the interview stage, waiting for hours before making her pitch at the audition. She has been told that she will be taping in April.

She admits to being a bit nervous, but she's also ready to take *Everything Maple & More* to that next level. After all, Moore says, "I've got my blood, sweat and tears in this business... it's time."

Young Entrepreneur can win \$100,000

Montreal - The Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) is now accepting applications for the 2013 BDC Young Entrepreneur Award. Business owners between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to enter the competition, to win a \$100,000 Grand Prize.

The young entrepreneurs are asked to present a turning point that their company has reached, in a short video, along with a business plan

or solution to take their business to the next level. Videos do not have to be professionally-produced, but should have good images, and be memorable.

A second prize, consisting of \$25,000 in consulting services will be awarded to the runner-up.

Deadline for submissions is Feb. 2, 2013, at noon. Eligibility criteria and information are available online at www.bdc.ca/yea;

online application forms must be filled out and submitted at www.bdcyoungentrepreneuraward.ca

The contest is open to all Canadian Entrepreneurs between the ages of 18 and 35, as of December 31, 2012. Entrants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents, responsible for the daily management of a Canada-based business for at least 2 years, and must hold at least 20% of the company's capital stock.

Recycling your CFLs

Home Depot has signs up at its recycling bins that, as of March 1, it has changed recycling used paints, Compact Fluorescent bulbs and tube fluorescent.

Customers are now advised to "drop off your used paint and expired CFL bulbs and tubes at one of the many recycling locations near you," with a list of sites posted on the website, homedepot.ca/eco-options/initiatives

The only recycling location listed in Bradford West Gwillimbury is the BWG landfill site (Site 16) on the 12 line, operated by the County of Simcoe. Site 16, open Tuesday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 to 4, does accept CFLs and Fluorescent tubes from residential sources, at



no charge. Non-residential sources must contact a private contractor to dispose of the Hazardous Waste - unless they have an Ontario Generator number from the Ministry of the Environment and produce less than 100 kg. of waste per month. These small businesses can drop off materials at the Oro landfill and Hazardous Waste depot.

While Home Depot no longer accepts CFL and fluorescent tubes, a competitor is still offering the green service. Lower Canada, located in Newmarket on Yonge St., will accept the bulbs.

CFLs are classified as hazardous waste. The energy-efficient bulbs contain mercury, which is toxic and a hazard to health, if the bulbs are broken.

Photo: HHW depot at Site 16.

County's new Waste Collection model

The County of Simcoe will be introducing a new level of waste collection service as of April 1, as new County-wide contracts come into effect.

Learn more about the new service - including changing collection days and times; an end to the one-day delay in collection due to holidays (except for Christmas Day and New Years Day); bi-weekly collection of yard waste in spring and fall; and a new call-in bulky collection, up to 5 items for \$35.

Learn the details online at

simcoe.ca or at one of a number of scheduled public Open House sessions:

- **Tuesday, March 19** at the Innisfil Recreation Complex south lobby, from 6 to 9 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 21** at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library & Cultural Centre's Zima Room, 425 Holland St. West in Bradford, 6 to 9 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 26** at the Simcoe County Administration Centre, 1110 Hwy. 26 in Midhurst, from 9 a.m. to noon, and 6 to 9 p.m.

Schomberg Ag Society annual Farm Tour!

The 9th Annual Farm Tour, presented by the Schomberg Agricultural Society, takes place Saturday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - a self-directed tour of local farms, on the theme, "Promoting Agriculture from the Ground Up." Tickets are \$10 per vehicle, for the map and admission to the tour sites. Available at Schomberg Icons Cashway, Schomberg Farm & Garden Supplies, Brownsville Community Centre and other locations - or at the Schomberg Community Hall on Main St., on March 9. For more information, call 905-859-0834 or visit www.schombergfair.com

Council approves new DC By-law

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which projects move forward.

Deputy Mayor Keffer proposed an amendment that would refer the DC By-law back to staff, seconded by Councillor Lamb. Lamb argued the rates would discourage non-residential development. "We collected nothing last year (in non-residential DCs), and we collected nothing the year before, and now we're raising the price," he said.

It was pointed out that the background study has been in the works since Spring of 2011, and that without a new By-law in place, the Town must charge the old rate for any new Subdivisions coming forward to be registered this spring. Any adjustment to the rates at this point would also require another round of public consultation, Goodfellow said.

"If we don't put (the By-law) in today, we're

going behind every day," said Councillor Simpson.

"This has been studied to death. We're vacillating here," said Councillor Del Crake. "I think all we're doing is procrastinating, afraid to make a decision."

In the end, Keffer's amendment was defeated, and the Development Charges By-law was approved - with Councillors Peter Dykile Jr., James Leduc, Gary Lamb and the Deputy Mayor voting against.

The Development Charges By-law for water, wastewater and roads will be in effect for 5 years but can be modified by Council at any time, Goodfellow told Councillors. The DC By-law for "soft services" - recreation, library, police and fire - remains unchanged, and doesn't expire until December 2014.

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Business After Hours

Thursday, March 14, 2013 from 5:30pm-7:30pm

at L'Antica Ristorante - 444 Holland St. W, Bradford, ON

RSVP Required (Light snacks and beverages are provided) Cost: Members \$5 Non-Member \$10.

Hosted by **BNI & BNI**

Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, March 20th, 2013 from Noon-1pm

BWG Leisure Centre (Multi Purpose Room) - 471 West Nipissin Ave., Bradford, ON

RSVP Required (Lunch Is Ordered) Cost: Members \$10 Non - Members \$15

Sustainable Retirement Security - A White Paper for Small Business Owners
SIX BOLD, NEW IDEAS to address challenges in securing a sustainable retirement

Presented by: York-Simcoe MPP Julia Munro

Business Before Hours

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 from 7:30am-9am

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Canada-wide warrant executed

South Simcoe Police were alerted by the RCMP from Moncton, New Brunswick, that a male wanted on an outstanding warrant was in the Innisfil area. Local police located the male, driving back to an Innisfil residence, just after 5 p.m. on March 1. With him was his 9 year old son, whom he had brought from New Brunswick without the permission of his ex-wife. The 35 year old male

from Riverview, NB, was held for the RCMP, who attended from New Brunswick to execute the warrant, on charges of Assault, Threatening, Breach of Probation, and Break & Enter.

The 9 year old son, who was in good health, was turned over to family members in Innisfil, before being returned to his mother in New Brunswick.

Police investigate serious collision

South Simcoe Police are investigating a serious collision that closed the intersection of the 8th Line BWG, and 10 Sideroad, for several hours on Sunday, March 3.

At about 3:43 p.m., a Volkswagen was westbound on the 8th Line but failed to stop for the Stop Sign at 10 SR, and collided with a southbound Ford station wagon. The female driver of the VW was transported to hospital in Newmarket with serious

injuries, and was reported in critical condition. The male driver of the Ford was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Police thank the Good Samaritans who stopped to help both drivers. Investigation is ongoing; anyone with information is asked to contact South Simcoe Police Traffic Unit at 905-775-3311 or Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS or www.crimestoppersdumc.com

Impaired drivers nabbed

In the early morning hours of March 3, a 2007 Dodge Charger was tracked westbound on Innisfil Beach Rd. travelling above the posted speed limit. An officer stopped the vehicle,

and in speaking with the driver, detected a strong odor of alcohol. The driver, a 40 year old Midhurst man, failed a roadside screening test, and was taken to North Division for breath tests. He was subsequently charged with Impaired Care/Control and Excess Alcohol, received a 90 day Administrative Driver's Licence Suspension, and his vehicle was impounded for 7 days. He was released with a court date in March.

An officer on routine patrol southbound on Yonge St. near Hwy. 89 in Innisfil in the early morning hours of March 3 observed a Toyota Rav travelling well above the posted speed limit. The officer stopped the vehicle at the 11th Line BWG, and detected an odor of alcohol. A roadside screening test registered a fail; the driver was arrested and transported to South Division for further breath tests. The driver, a 30 year old Aurora man was charged with Over .080. He received a 90 day driver's licence suspension and a court date in March; his vehicle was impounded for 7 days.

Police were alerted to a possible impaired driver, just before 11 a.m. on March 1, by an alert motorist who was behind the vehicle as it drove north from Newmarket. The suspect vehicle pulled into a residential driveway in Bradford, where an officer approached - and determined that the driver's ability to operate the vehicle was impaired by alcohol consumption. The driver, a 42 year old Bradford man, was transported to South Division for breath tests. He was charged with Impaired and Over .080, his licence was suspended for 90 days, his vehicle impounded for 7 days; court date in March.

Horticultural!

The Gilford & District Horticultural Society first meeting of the new year is on Monday, March 11 at the Churchhill Community Centre, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Etti Mountain of Botanix in Barrie, on "What *Yes Can Do for our Changing Climate*". There will be a Silent Auction - the first fundraiser of the year - and refreshments. All welcome.

Naturalists meet

York-Simcoe Naturalists will meet on Saturday, March 12 at River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Avenue in River Drive Park (off Queensville Sideroad, north of Holland Landing) at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Gloria Marsh, executive director of the York Region Environmental Alliance, talking about *organic lawn care*. Refreshments will be served - lug a mug! For more information contact www.facebook.com/yorksimcoenaturalists or ysnclub@yahoo.ca

Lefroy Spring Market

Get ready for the annual Spring Market at the Grange Hall, in Lefroy. On Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., come out for the first indoor garage sale of the year. Items range from new to old, from collectible to shabby chic. There will be a Bake Table, and hot dogs or sausage on a bun will be available for lunch. Tables are only \$25 each - a great opportunity to reduce the clutter, or turn your spring cleaning into cash. Call Edna at 705-436-2042 or Diana at 705-456-0255 for more information or to book a table.

Spring Fling Bazaar

Bradford Valley Specialty Care Long Term Care Centre is hosting a Residents' Spring Fling Bazaar on Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors wanted! Please call Rebecca Larter at 905-952-2274 to book a spot. Rental is \$20 for a table - only \$10 if you bring your own table! All proceeds support residents' spring activities at Bradford Valley. Also wanted: Shoppers on April 6 - admission is free!

Easter Bunny arrives

The Easter Bunny arrives at Upper Canada Mall's Centre Court on Saturday, March 9. Families can have photos taken with the Easter Bunny - and enjoy give-aways by Purdy's Chocolate and more.

The Bunny will be at the Mall Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m., and Mon. to Fri. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., until March 30. See uppercanadamall.com for details.

Rockin' at Wild Wing



Cover band with a difference - The Unruly Gentleman's Club brought their own brand of hard-driving rock and blues to Bradford's Wild Wing restaurant on Saturday, February 23.

The Unruly Gentleman's Club was rocking the house, at Bradford's Wild Wing restaurant on Saturday night, February 23.

The band has been together for about 10 years, although bass player Dave Marshall and drummer Jon Richardson "go right back to the '60s." Other members are Dave Walker on guitar, and Aubrey Boothman on vocals and acoustic guitar.

With their combination of blues and hard rock, they play the Toronto Circuit - about 50 gigs a year, from Barrie, to Burlington and Bowmanville, including festivals, pubs, clubs and special events, but they definitely plan to be back in Bradford.

Jon Richardson works at the Bradford Home Hardware, and is delighted to be able to play in his own backyard. He and Marshall have performed together in a number of bands, opening for everyone from Percy Sledge to Wilson Pickett and Crowbar, back in the '60s. Boothman and Walker have also been musical collaborators for over 20 years - and all bring authenticity to their covers of rock, R & B, Motown and Country Rock classics.

The Unruly Gentleman's Club (TUG for short) will be back at Wild Wing in the Summerlynn Plaza on April 12. Mark the date - and see www.unrulygentlemansclub.ca for details.

Women's Day, Friendship at PCCB

The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd., hosts its annual International Women's Day **Celebration of Women** on Saturday, March 9 - an evening of Dinner, Dancing, Fashion and Fun. Fashions will be provided by The Pink Closet, and by Esther's Bridal - and PCCB members will do the modeling!

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for girls under 16 - and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Southlake Regional Health Centre's "Images for Life" fundraising campaign, to purchase a second MRI and update

the digital imaging lab. For tickets call Jean, 905-775-4723.

The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford will host a **Festa Da Amizade** - Friendship Dinner and Dance on Saturday, March 23. Enjoy a dinner of Roast Pork Loin with all the trimmings, followed by dancing to the music of Santa Fé, live! Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12 for children under 12, for members - \$35 and \$15 for non-members. For tickets, call Tina at 905-775-4291 or Jean, 905-775-4723.

Touch of Scotland fundraising concert

Fundraising concert for the Alzheimer Society of Greater Simcoe County will feature a **Touch of Scotland** - with Jim and Jean Duffy, pipers Mike Robb and Alex Vizina of the Bradford Pipes & Drums, dancers with the Sanderson School of Highland Dance, emceed by radio personality Hugo Straney. At the

Special events, from Psychics to Easter Egg Hunts

Newmarket's International Psychic Expo will be returning to the Optimist Club at 55 Forhan Drive, March 15, 16 and 17 - bringing internationally known psychics from England, Scotland, India, Russia, Canada and the U.S. to town. Over 25 exhibitors, including mediums, Psychic Readers, Tarot and Palmistry readers, and vendors of new age books, tapes, crystals and jewellery, will be participating.

Admission is \$8 - good for the entire weekend, and for all of the psychic demonstrations, including Aura and Past Life demos, and Psychic Healing. There will be hourly draws for free readings, astrology charts, and palm-readings.

For more information, see www.ESPmyFuture.com

Calling all culinary enthusiasts and oenophiles - Georgian College is again offering a unique dining and wine-tasting experience, with its **2013 Chef and Wine Series** at the Barrie Campus. Once a month, diners can join a regional chef, to enjoy a delicious meal, sample wine, observe and learn new cooking techniques, ask questions and take home recipes.

Friday, March 22 - Chef Derek Mayes, of *Grape and Olive/ Top of the Cove*

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E: hollandmarshcra@rogers.com**TOASTMASTERS:** Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7:30 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org. All welcome.**WEEKLY BINGO:** Innisfil Lions Club meet a weekly Bingo, Mondays, 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 905-436-1826.**HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS:** Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Integration to the Canadian School System Program, Parenting Workshop, Translation and Interpretation services, Form completion and document help, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com**BWG COMMUNITY MEAL:** A free hot meal and fellowship for anyone on fixed income, social assistance, struggling to make ends meet, lonely, or families trying to stretch their food budgets, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Every Friday at 5:00 p.m.**T.O.P.S.:** Take off Pounds Sensibly is a weight loss support group that meets at the Lions Pool Bldg., Tuesday evenings, 6-7 p.m. No charge to drop in and see what TOPS is all about. Membership is \$32 per year and 2¢ per meeting. Call Edna, 905-775-9018.**ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH:** 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fundraising perogies and cabbage rolls sale every Friday, from noon to 6 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 12:30 to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-551-1651.**WRITERS' CIRCLE at COFFEE CULTURE:** BWG Writers' Circle now meets socially every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at Coffee Culture in Bradford - by the fireplace! On the 3rd Tues. of the month, the Circle meets at the Bradford Library.

FRI. MAR. 8

START TALKING FUND-RAISER: At the Mady Centre for the Performing Arts, 1 Dunlop St. in Barrie. Din-

ner at 6:15 p.m. Concert with Ian Thomas at 8 p.m. to raise funds for the Canadian Mental Health Association-Simcoe County Branch. Start Talking awareness campaign. Tickets \$109.50 for VIP seating, dinner, concert. CO and a meet-and-greet with Thomas; \$79.50 for dinner and concert; \$49.50 for concert only, plus taxes and fees. Call the Mady Centre box office, or http://theatre.barric.ca for tickets.

SAT. MAR. 9

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE: At the Bradford Legion Hall, 115 Back St. in Bradford, hosted by Trinity Anglican Church. Tickets \$15 each, \$30 per couple, for dancing to music by The Cruisers, prizes, and buffet at 10 p.m. For tickets call MacPhail, 905-775-3134.**SPORTS DAY FOR PRESCHOOLERS:** At the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 9:30 a.m. Bowling, Horseshoes, indoor skating and snack. Pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 223.**SCHOMBURG AG SOCIETY FARM TOUR:** A self-directed tour, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the theme "Promoting Agriculture from the Ground Up." Tickets \$10 per vehicle, for map and admission. Available at locations that include Schomburg Rona Castaway, and Brownsville Guardian Drugs - or at the Schomburg Community Hall on the day of the tour. See www.schomburgfarmtour.com for details.**POKER TOURNEYIN BOND HEAD:** Beeton & Bond Head Lions Poker Tourney in the Bond Head Community Hall, registration 1 p.m., play begins 2 p.m. \$40 buy-in - 1¢ to the prize pool. Tickets at the door, or call 905-775-5821. Support Lions' Community Hall.

MON. MAR. 11

BABYSITTING COURSE: For kids ages 11 and up - learn the basics of babysitting and first aid, with Anita Horings of Simple First Aid, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bradford Alliance Church, on Simcoe Rd. For more information, call 905-775-6024.

TUES. MAR. 12

YORK SIMCOE NATURALISTS MEET: At River Drive Park Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. - 20 Oak Ave., off the Queensway SR north of Holland Landing. Guest Speaker: Gloria Martin, Executive Director of York Region Environmental Alliance, on Organic Lawn Care. All welcome - 1 mug, refreshments. For info, contact ysnclub@yahoo.ca

WEDS. MAR. 13

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren, meets 1-3 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford. Note: NO childcare provided for kids ages 0-6.

FRI. MAR. 15

NEWMARKET PSYCHIC EXPO: International Psychics, mediums, palm readers, aura readers, and more at the Newmarket Optimist Club, 555 Forhan Drive in Newmarket. March 15, 16, 17. Admission \$8, for the whole weekend.

SAT. MAR. 16

SPRING MARKET AT THE GRANGE HALL: First indoor garage sale of the season at the Grange Hall in Leffroy, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. New and old items, Bake Table, Lunch, at this fundraiser for Leffroy United Church. Real table for \$25, and turn your clutter into cash, call Edna, 705-436-2042 or Diana, 705-456-0255 for info.**HAM & SCALLOPED DINNERS:** Enjoy Ham & Scalloped or Baked Potatoes at St. John Presbyterian Church, 2940 - 10 SR in Bradford, 4:30 to 7 p.m. continuous servings. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for public school-aged children. Gluten-free desserts available on request - 905-775-7274.**ST. PATRICK'S DANCE:** Barrie Ballroom Dance Club hosts St. Patrick's Dance at the ANAF Hall, 7 George St. in Barrie, March 16 at 8 p.m. \$13 members, \$19 for guests, includes substantial light night snack. Dance until midnight. For info, call Barb at 705-726-2651 or see www.bbbdc.ca

MON. MAR. 18

PARENT-CHILD MOTHER GOOSE: Start of an 8-week interactive program for parents and their children ages 2-4, at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 9:30-10:30 a.m. No charge for the sittings. Please pre-register, 905-775-3039 ext. 223.**TECUMSETH & WEST GILLMURBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS:** 7:30 p.m. at the Le-We-Gill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, 27 and 10th Line. BWG. Guest speaker is Ken Purvis, on "Military Music during the War of 1812." For more info call 905-775-7144 or 905-936-4086.

St. Patrick's Dance

Trinity Anglican Church is holding a St. Patrick's Day Dance at the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, on Saturday, March 9 - an featuring music by The Cruisers band. Tickets are \$15 per person, \$30 per couple for door prizes, spot dance prizes, prizes for Best Costume (costumes are optional), 10 p.m. buffet. For tickets call Sheryl MacPhail, 905-775-3134.

Ham & Scalloped

St. John's Presbyterian Church, located at 2940 - 10 Sideroad in Bradford, will have a Ham and Scalloped or Baked Potato Dinner on Saturday, March 16, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Gluten-free desserts are available on request! Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for school-aged children. For information, call 905-775-7274.

Irish Dinner!

Churchill United Church in Innisfil is hosting an Irish Supper on Sunday, March 17 - Traditional Irish fare of ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, cabbage salad, and a variety of delicious 'stirrings' at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., with Irish dancing and singing from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is only \$15 for adults, \$7 for children ages 12 and under, \$40 per family of four or more. Call 705-436-3763.

March Break@Bradford Library

Emergency Preparedness: Be Prepared, Not Scared! A free emergency-preparedness drop-in program, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, March 11 - open to all ages. Includes video presentations, story-telling, crafts and colouring books and other freebies, and more about personal survival kits for family and pets, planning your escape route, etc. Bring a camera - a fire truck will be on hand, and parents and caregivers are invited to take photos of their children in front of the truck. For more info, contact Fire & Emergency Services, 905-775-7311. Rob Heffernan, County of Simcoe Emergency Management, will also be on hand to answer questions. At the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West.

Drop-in Craft/Cray! Free craft program for ages 5 to 12 in the Children's program room, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. On Monday, March 11, make a LEGO mini-figure puppet, duct tape bookmark or bracelet, and a watercolor collage. On Wednesday, March 13, create stained glass art, design a mini finger skateboard, make popstick stick creatures and 3-D hand art. On Friday, March 15, create a Rain Stick, parachute man and abstract face collage.

Free Family Movie - Frankenweenie! Drop in to the Zima Room of the Bradford Public Library at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 11. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own snacks. On Friday, March 15, 1:30 p.m., the movie is *Wreck-It Ralph*.

Ancient Egyptian Adventure, on Tuesday, March 12 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Kids ages 5 to 12 will spell their names in hieroglyphics, create a sarcophagus, and build a sugar-cube pyramid! \$2 per child; pre-register.

Yvette & Her Puppet Friends special performance Tues., March 12, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Zima Room. All-ages show. Tickets \$5, available at Borrower Services.

Woodworking Workshop, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 13. Join Sharon from Home Depot, for woodworking fun - for ages 4 to 6; and for ages 7 to see BREAK Page 14

Special: Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs

EVENTS, Page 11

Friday, April 26 - Andre Sanche of *Ciboulette et Cie*.
Friday, May 24 - Greg Rennet of *Painter's Hat Bistro*.
Friday, June 14 - Vince Gallati, *Local Foods Mart*.
Enjoy a cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine at 7 p.m., followed by a 4 or 5 course meal, paired with a complementary wine, in the Zima Dining Room, Hospitality and Tourism Building. Cost is \$79.95 (plus tax & 15% gratuity) per meal. See www.gregeanncollege.ca/gdr and select Chef and Wine series; click on "Purchase Tickets." Call 705-722-5142 for info.

National Service Dogs' Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs takes place on Good Friday, March 29 - raising money to help provide trained Autism Service dogs for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs will take place in Barrie, at Sunnside Park - as well as other communities across Ontario. Cost to register is \$25 per family (including dogs) for this outdoor Egg Hunt that will give away hundreds of prizes, and doggie treats. This year's goal is to raise \$110,000. Help enrich the quality of life for children and individuals living with autism. Register online at www.nsdc.ca or call 519-623-4188 ext. 10. Sponsors are also wanted.

Lions' Poker Tournament!

Beeton and Bond Head Lions Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament, Saturday, March 9 at the Bond Head Hall (County Rd. 27 just south of 88). Registration 1 p.m., play begins at 2 p.m. \$40 buy-in. 905-775-5821.

March Break fun for kids!

Snakes? Tarantulas? Under Canada Mall in Newmarket welcomes **Zoo to You's** interactive displays at the Mall during March Break, March 11 - 16. See exotic live animals up close, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Upper level close to the Play Park. Free!

The **BWG Leisure Centre** in Bradford offers a full range of March Break activities - from St. John Ambulance Babysitters' training for ages 10 1/2 and older, to a Kids Fun Factory Teddy Bear-Stuffed Creation workshop, for ages 3 to 16; Mystic Drumz Workshop on March 13, and Elephant Thoughts, March 14. There is also a special March Break schedule for Swimming and Skating. See www.bwgleisurecentre.ca or pick up a March Break Planner booklet.

March Break Meltdown 2013 - the 6th annual Davenport Subaru Ski/Snowboard Day at the Heights of Horseshoe Ski & Country Club - takes place Monday, March 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A day of family fun includes magic shows by Shamus Petrie, live music by A Name in Lights, and Noelle Cyr, vendors, silent auction, ski racing games and prizes - all to raise money for United Way. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$30 at the door. Rentals are additional. For more information or online tickets, see www.UnitedWay-GSC.ca.

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Wye Marsh March Break Camp, for kids 6 to 12 years, March 11 to 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, with a different theme each day. Members \$25 per day; or \$110 for the full week; non-members \$30 per day or \$135 for the week. Before and after camp care available. See www.uymarsh.com for details.

The Simcoe County Museum invites kids ages 6 to 12 to "Tune In" to March Break Day Camp.

with a nod to classic TV. March 11 - Oldies but Goodies, from mini box race cars and yoyos, to shakes from the soda fountain. March 12 - Mythbusters March 13 - The Wonderful World of Food; compete to be the next Iron Chef. March 14 - Come on Down, and compete in some favourite game shows. March 15 - Acme Awards and Filling Pianos, a salute to the world of animation: Camp runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, with baby-sitting available. For information, call 705-728-9721 or email education@simcoe.ca

Look What I Made Mom March Break Art Camps for ages 5 to 12. Each day is filled with activities taught by an expert staff of artisans - \$30 per day, or \$100 for a full five days, at The Academy Art Space, 113 Bridge St. in Bradford. For more information see Facebook.com/lookwhatimademom or darlenebraybrook@yahoo.com - or call 647-919-3272.

The Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St.

South in Newmarket, presents a variety of activities for March Break. Drop in between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for **Creative Crafts** on March 12, \$5 per person - **Farm Fun** on March 13, \$5.50 per person - and free **Museum Mayhem**, March 14-18. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a caregiver 18 or older. NOT a daycamp - no lunchroom facilities! For info call 905-953-5314, or email elmannuseum@rogers.com



Some March Break Programs offer crafts - but these 3-D models were made in school, at an Earl Rowe Public School!

Ask Dr. Michelle....



Holland Street Veterinary Services in the West Park Plaza

Inappropriate elimination in cats

Cats that use the litterbox as a house commonly end up relinquished or euthanized. It is understandably a very common cause for concern and may be behavioral or medical in nature. Medical causes include recurrent constipation, diabetes, kidney disease, arthritis, hyperthyroidism, liver disease, blockage, stones or cystitis. Courtesy to popular belief, urinary tract infections in cats are actually rare as cats typically have very potent urine.

If cats are started on experience plus while using their "bathroom", a litterbox aversion may ensue. With cats that eliminate on bathroom dirty clotheshairs or beds (i.e. areas that are high in human pheromones), the cause is usually stress related.

Your veterinarian may have clues as to whether the problem is medical or behavioral with the history you provide but will want to run some basic tests - a urinalysis, and potentially bloodwork and radiographs. They will want to know where is the problem occurring, if it involves a small or large litterbox and whether there are recent changes in the household.

Studies have shown that cats prefer unscented clumping litter. Litterboxes should be large enough for the whole cat's length head to tip and tail and uncovered and there should be one litterbox per cat plus an additional one. They should be on different levels in multi-level homes and away from heaters, dryers or items that may start at random times and startle cats while they are using the litterbox.

If keeping the litterbox clean (no ammonia, vinegar, bleach and harsh cleaners), trying a new litterbox out and using fresh litter fail to improve the situation, then a visit to your veterinarian is warranted. The longer the problem persists, the more difficult it will be to correct. The good news is, whether it is behavioral or medical there are potential treatment options.

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Sports

BWGMHA Rep results

MINOR PEEWEES

York-Simcoe Playoffs

Feb. 26, Newmarket - 2, Bradford
Everest Supply - 1. Close game, with
Bradford falling just short. Lone goal
by Evan Cribble from Keegan Steyn.
March 3, Newmarket - 5, Bradford

Everest Supply - 2. Goals by Anthony
Roberts and Evan Cribble, with
assists to Cribble and Roberts.
Bradford is swept by Newmarket -
but heads off to Niagara Falls NY for
a tournament next week!

Bradford Blues Ball Hockey

Ball Hockey - it's a game anyone
can play. The Bradford Blues will
be setting up Spring, Summer and
Winter Leagues in Boys, Girls and
Co-ed Divisions, from ages 4 to 17,
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Women's).

Games will take place once a

week at the old Bradford & District
Memorial Community Centre, at 125
Simcoe Road, with OBHA Certified
Referees. Full player and team stats
will be maintained, through the
OBHA. Registration begins in April.
For information, see
bradfordballhockey.com or call
416-671-3893.

Run or Walk for Southlake

The Nature's Emporium Run or
Walk for Southlake Regional Health
Centre Foundation (formerly the
Hartwell Challenge) will be taking
place on Sunday, April 28 at the
Aurora Community Centre. There
will be 10K, 5K and new 2.5K events,
and a Kids' Mini Mile. Families, dogs,
strollers and walkers are welcome to
collect pledges, run or walk, and win

prizes. See www.runforsouthlake.ca
to register, and raise pledges
online. A challenge is being issued
to all residents within Southlake's
catchment, to create a team and
participate - and to the Mayors of
Aurora, BWG, East Gwillimbury,
Georgina, King Twp., Newmarket
and Whitchurch-Stouffville to Run or
Walk for Southlake.

March Break @ Bradford Library, continued

BREAK, from Page 13

Free, but please pre-register.

Legomania! LEGO at the Library,
free for ages 5 - 12 from 10:30 a.m.
to 12:30 p.m. on Weds., March 13.

Creative play - drop in!

Clay Workshop: Ladybug Box,
for ages 6 to 12 on Thursday, March
14, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the
Children's Program Room. Cost
is \$12 per child; pre-register at
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Bradford Bowls for Kids' Sake



Communities across York Region
and Bradford have been invited to
raise money for Big Brothers Big
Sisters of York and its mentoring
programs for girls and boys, by
participating in A & B Courier Bowl
for Kids' Sake Community Days.

Bradford's Community Day
bowling event was held at Bradford
Bowl on Sunday, March 3 - and the
local bowling alley was packed for
the fundraiser.

Teams included York Regional
Police "Pins and PJs", Beamish
Construction, teams from the
Bradford Legion, the Bradford Lions
Club, and RBC, and from the Town of
Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Bowling for the Town were Mayor
Doug White, helped out by daughters
Jamie and Jaclyn; captain Councillor
Peter Dykile Jr., and sons Aydan and
Justin, Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer, and
Councillor Carl Hordyk, daughter
Natalie and son Christopher.

It was the 20th year that Dykile Jr.
has participated in Bowl for Kids
Sake, and he brought a framed article
from his first year of participation -
back in 1993.

There are two dates remaining in
this year's Bowl for Kids Sake - the
Financial Institution Challenge,
March 23 in Richmond Hill, and
Markham's Community Day, March
24. For more information on Big
Brothers Big Sisters' programs,
volunteering or to make a donation,
see www.bbbys.ca.

Photos by Miriam King

Top: Town team, from left - Jamie,
Jaclyn, Mayor White, Co. Peter
Dykile Jr. and sons Justin and Aydan,
Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer, Co. Carl
Hordyk, Natalie and Christopher.
At left: York Regional Police "Pins
n PJs" team, raising funds for Big
Brothers Big Sisters of York, Mar. 3.



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A March in Red, at Upper Canada Mall



It's all about partnerships, and raising awareness, says AIDS Committee of York Region Program Manager for Support Services, Phil Hodgson. "There's so much more engagement. The only way to resolve issues is through actual engagement." He was speaking just before the start of the 2nd annual March in Red, an indoor 5K walk held in Newmarket to raise both awareness of the issues of HIV/AIDS in York Region, and funds for the ongoing outreach and programs of the ACYR. And he praised the involvement of the community - in volunteering for the March in Red, signing up as participants,

raising funds, or providing support and sponsorship.

Upper Canada Mall opened its doors early on Sunday, March 3 to host the event - and MAC cosmetics, which has its own MAC AIDS Fund, played a huge role. MAC Staff were among those who donned red T-shirts, hats, scarves, ribbons - even red pants - and walked laps around the Newmarket mall.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you all for being here this morning," said ACYR Executive Director, Radha Bhargava, as she cut the red ribbon to start the 2013 March in Red. "Together we're going to

raise awareness of HIV. We're going to raise solidarity... and we're going to raise funds."

"We're going to be champion advocates for HIV/AIDS."

The March in Red is one of four community and fundraising events organized by the Committee each year. ACYR provides mentoring programs, outreach, assistance to families living with HIV/AIDS and poverty, and health information for both men and women who are HIV-positive. Contact 1-800-243-7717 or see www.acyr.org for information.



At left, participants and volunteers, at the March in Red, March 3. Above, Emily Dolan tries out Powerwheels, with help from Lisa DiPietro and Glenn Blake.

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Focus on Youth

Inspiration on Wheels, at W.H. Day

Tyler Miller was at W.H. Day Elementary School last Friday, to share some life lessons with kids in grades 4 through 8.

"Medals, trophies - all these things don't matter," Miller told the students. "For me it's about the experience. It's about the friends you make."

Miller was part of the Canadian National Paralympic Basketball team that took the Gold medal in London, England in 2012 - for him, the culmination of 3 years of effort and training.

Until the accident that cost him the use of both legs, Miller grew up like all of you guys. I played soccer, baseball, basketball. I skied?

He finished high school, completed a 4-year apprenticeship as a Tool & Die Maker, then decided to apprentice as a Millwright. Miller had completed more than 5,000 hours of his second apprenticeship, when the accident happened, back in 2007.

"That's the day when I had 1,000 lbs. of steel come down on my back," It severed his spinal cord. At the time, he was just 22.

For the next 12 months or so, Miller says, "I was in a real low place. I thought, Why me?... A dark place." But a friend wouldn't let him shut down, instead insisting on getting him involved in wheelchair basketball. Now, Miller says, "Sports saved my life."

He was humbling at first. At the age of 23, a complete novice, he was placed on a junior team - with 14 and 15 year old players. "I'm watching all these kids rolling around in wheelchairs - I had to check my ego at the door."

Miller never looked back. He began a program of practice and training that brought him to the notice of the National Team.

"I told my friend I'd be at the Paralympics in 2012," he says - but after being cut from the team 3 years in a row,

he admits it began to look like a remote possibility.

"That summer I killed myself, trying to get ready," stepping up the training to a new level. The extra training and determination paid off. Miller made the National Team, "as the 12th guy," and immediately set a new goal: "I want to be on the court when it matters."

He trained hours a day, 7 days a week, ate healthy - and started in all but one game at the Paralympics. In the Final, he was on the court for 30 minutes, "and we won our Gold medal. That was the pinnacle for me."

Miller had to "prove to myself that I am capable of doing anything I want... You are your own limiting factor. What you make of your life is on you."

Opening the floor to questions, he noted that one question he is often asked is, "If you could, would you go back and change that fateful day, the day the accident occurred?" "No. Today, I'm a better person than I was before I got hurt. I have a better appreciation of life."



Shave for the Brave returns, at Fred C. Cook PS

Fred C. Cook Public School, temporarily housed in the nearby Bradford Public School, held a "Character Education" Assembly on March 1 - but because the gym is so small, the assembly had to be held twice.

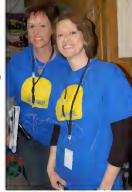
In the morning, the primary grades and Grade 4 classes attended. There were songs, and the presentation of Caring Awards.

Optimism Awards and Star Student Awards and a presentation of the Rosa Parks story by the Grade 4s, for Black History Month.

It was also an opportunity to announce that Fred C. Cook will once again be holding "Shave for the Brave"

- a fundraiser for Young Adult Cancer Canada. YACC is an organization dedicated to providing support and advocacy for young adults aged 18 to 39 who have been diagnosed with cancer.

YACC recognizes that young adults face unique challenges at their time of life. Most are struggling with school, or just starting a career and a family - and cancer can turn that upside down.



Shave for the Brave asks participants to agree to cut 10% of their hair, which will be donated to make wigs for cancer patients who have lost their own hair as a result of chemotherapy - or be extra brave, and have their heads shaved bald.

Participants are also asked to collect pledges to support the cause - and last year, Fred C. Cook students, staff and parents raised over \$21,000.

Organizers Jenn Chown and Heather Palmer attended the assembly to encourage the kids to demonstrate courage, by participating in the 2013 Shave for the Brave. While it is kids in Grades 4 and up who will be participating in the hair-cutting or shaving, all families are being encouraged to take part in the "Cut Back for Cancer" fundraiser - for one week, cutting back on an activity, like ordering pizza or a morning coffee, and donating the money to the YACC campaign instead. The class that raises the most money, will win a prize.

The challenges are also open to the community at large, and to other schools - but there is a change from 2012. Last year, all 55 participants were accommodated on the Fred C. Cook stage, as a small army of stylists donated their time to trim, clip and shave.

This year, with the smaller gym, the in-school Shave for the Brave will be limited to students and staff, on Friday, April 12. The community is invited to sign up for their hair shaving or cutting at Wendy's Restaurant, after school.

See www.shaveforthebrave.ca for information.

Kumon Students honoured

Bradford - The Kumon Math and Reading Centre of Bradford held an awards celebration, to honour the achievements of Bradford's dedicated and hard-working students, from pre-school to high school - and to inspire and motivate them to continue to strive towards their academic and personal goals.

"These students have enjoyed remarkable achievements," said Instructor Carol Jiao. "For many of the children, the result has been better grades in school, but we're also celebrating other accomplishments, such as improved study habits, independent learning skills and self-confidence, all of which are going to help them succeed not only in school, but throughout their lives... Congratulations!"

Every student received a personalized award, recognizing their successes. Students who finished the year on the Advanced Student Honour Roll, attempting challenges at least one year above their current grade level, were also recognized - 3 students were recognized for studying 3 years above their grade level - as well as those who reached milestone and anniversary achievements.

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Sports Day for preschoolers and their parents - Saturday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m. Bowling, Horseshoes, Indoor Skating and more, plus snack. Pre-register.

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